DR. K. B. MENON :—" Do the entire proceeds go to the prisoners? If not, how are they used? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The whole of it is not given to the prisoners. They are given only a gratuity for their work as convict officers. Then they are given some tobacco leaves and beedis also for the work done. The entire income is credited to the Jail account."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Do the Government transfer convicts who have particular aptitude for those jails where they have facility for doing that particular type of work? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir, in transferring prisoners that is also taken into consideration."

SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, ஒரு நாளைக்கு அவர்களிடமிருந்து எவ்வளவு மணி நேரம் வேலை வாங்கப் படுகிறது ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I want notice, Sir."

Acquisition of lands under the Madras Slum Improvement (Acquisition of Land) Act, 1954.

* 567 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM (on behalf of Sri P. Jeevanandam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Madras Slum Improvement (Acquisition of Land) Act, 1954, has been put into operation; and

(*b*) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) The Government have called for proposals from the Commissioner, Corporation of Madras, in consultation with the Director of Harijan Welfare, Collector of Madras, the Chairman, City Improvement Trust and the Director of Town-Planning for formulating a programme of acquisition of lands under the Madras Slum Improvement (Acquisition of Land) Act, 1954. Soon after the proposals have been received, a programme of acquisition will be drawn up, according to the availability of funds and the urgency of slums which require improvement."

Grant of loans to agriculturists under the National Extension Service in Payyanur Block.

* 568 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount sanctioned by the Government for the Payyanur and Madayi Block Development areas under the National Extension Service for giving loans to the agriculturists and peasants;

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(*b*) how many applications were received by the officers in charge of the Block Development areas mentioned above from the peasants and agriculturists; and

(*c*) how many applicants were granted loans?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The amounts allotted for the Payyanur Block for 1954–55 are as follow :—

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Short-term credit facilities	...	...	1,33,000
Minor irrigation facilities	...	...	50,000

" (*b*) One thousand one hundred and sixty-two applications have so far been received by the Block Development Officer, Payyanur.

" (*c*) One hundred and fifty-seven applicants have so far been granted loans."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister why the applications were rejected, on what grounds they were rejected and what are the conditions the applicants have to satisfy before they get the loans sanctioned? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I see, Sir, that out of 320 applications disposed of, 157 applications only have been sanctioned and as many as 163 applications were rejected. The grounds on which the applications were rejected were stated to be either the applications were not *bona fide* or solvent to the extent of the loan applied for. Regarding the actual conditions that have to be satisfied, I would like to have notice, Sir."

Schemes under Second Five-Year Plan for Malabar district.

* 569 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to mention the schemes proposed by the State Government for Malabar under the Second Five-Year Plan?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Second Five-Year Plan for the Madras State has not yet been finalized."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether before finalizing the schemes to be included in the second Five-Year Plan, Government will be pleased to consult local M.L.As. to ascertain their views in the matter? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I think I have already stated that even in this House we may have a discussion with regard to Second Five-Year Plan. The only thing is we must have the discussion at the proper time so that our suggestions may be taken into consideration by the Government of India and our debate also may be useful to them. When that discussion takes place, I am sure the Malabar M.L.As. will play a prominent part."